

## DTIC's Key Role in DoD S&T Information Program Outlined in DoD Issuance 3200.12

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Fort Belvoir, VA – Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 3200.12, "DoD Scientific and Technical Information Program (STIP)," was signed by the Honorable Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics in August 2013. DoDI 3200.12 establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, and proposes procedures to carry out the DoD STIP. The instruction outlines the vital role played by the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) to collect, index, catalog, and provide storage for scientific and technical information obtained from DoD components and their contractors; non-DoD organizations and foreign sources.

DoDI 3200.12 defines requirements and responsibilities to 1) ensure that scientific and technical information is a key outcome and record of the research and engineering work conducted and 2) that DoD scientific and technical information is appropriately identified, disseminated, preserved, and accessible to policy makers, the scientific community, and the public within the boundaries of laws, regulations, Executive orders, other requirements, program needs and resources.

The issuance reiterates that DoD should sustain a coordinated program to manage S&T information, which will maximize resources, while eliminating duplication of efforts by the reuse of DoD research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E) investments and assets.

DoDI 3200.12 can be found on the DoD Issuances website: <a href="http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/320012p.pdf">http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/320012p.pdf</a>. This instruction cancels and replaces DoD Directive 3200.12, "DoD Scientific and Technical Information (STI) Program (STIP)," February 11, 1998.

If you have any questions about DoDI 3200.12, contact <a href="mailto:policy@dtic.mil">policy@dtic.mil</a>.

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